

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 31, 2006, firstly, Examiner objected to the drawings indicating that Figure 10 required correction to substitute --13-13-- for "B-B", and noting that reference numerals 46 and 18 were missing from the drawings. The drawings have now been amended to correct those deficiencies.

Examiner also observed that the resilient biasing of the recited resiliently biased latch set forth in claim 11 was not shown. Although the resiliently biased latch is indicated in the specification as being conventional, and in applicant's view a well understood mechanism known in the art, applicant concedes that the actual spring in the mechanism is not shown and consequently claim 11 has been cancelled.

With respect to Examiner's observation regarding the informality in line 23 on page 9, the specification has been amended to substitute --5-- for "5a".

The specification has also been amended to insert further clarifying antecedent references for the terms identified by the Examiner as lacking a proper antecedent basis in the specification and in particular in the descriptive portion of the specification having reference to the drawings. The identified terms are otherwise found in the Summary of the Invention portion of the specification. Consistent with Examiner's requirement then, the following terms have now been inserted into the descriptive portion of the specification: "enclosure", "at least one sidewall", "doorway", "elongate guides", "releasable latch", "latch actuator", "generally parallel", "release disabling means", "latch member receiver", "latch bolt", "protrudes", "latch drive arm", and "float actuated linkage".

With respect to Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2 and 8-21 as not claiming an enabling embodiment, the claims have now been amended to substitute --a plurality of pivotable linkage arms-- for "at least one pivotable linkage arm".

With respect to Examiner's rejection of claims 11-13 as reciting non-enabling structure with respect to the provision only one latch member, claim 13 has now been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 14 so as to specify that the releasable latch is a plurality of latches. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

With respect to Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2 and 5-21 as containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention, the above described amendments to the Detailed Description to incorporate the noted terms from the claims have, it is respectfully submitted, now dealt with the objection. In particular, the releasable latch and cooperating latch actuator recited in claim 1 is now specifically described in the text of the Detailed Description. As noted above, claim 11 has been cancelled.

With respect to the rejection of claim 10 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention, applicant respectfully disagrees that claims 1 and 2 exclude the embodiment of Figures 9-18b by reciting latch release disabling means in claim 2 and describing the generally parallel linkage arms in claim 1. With respect to the latch release disabling means taught to be the fluid reservoir and associated linkage, as clearly taught, the latch disabling linkage operates to disable the unlatching of the doors when the door is in the closed position. One skilled in the art could without undo experimentation adapt the latch disabling linkage of the embodiment of Figures 2-5, to disable the latch mechanism as shown for example in Figure 10. With respect to the linkage arms being claimed as generally parallel to the sidewall in claim 1 as amended, that language clearly describes the linkage arms illustrated in the embodiments of Figures 9-12 which illustrate a door opening to the inside of the enclosure, that is, so as to be adjacent the enclosure side of the sidewall containing the doorway. When the door is in the closed position the linkage arms are parallel to the sidewall. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the limitations of claim 10 and those of claim 1 from which claim 10 now depends, do not exclude the embodiment referred to as a hybrid embodiment by the Examiner. Further, the limitations recited in claim 2 are no longer relevant to claim 10 in that, as previously mentioned, claim 10 has now been amended to depend directly from claim 1.

With respect Examiner's rejection of claim 4 as depending from a cancelled claim, the claim dependencies have been amended throughout so that claims 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13 now all depend from claim 1, claim 7 now depends from claim 5, and claim 15 now depends from claim 13.

In the Drawings

Applicant submits proposed changes to Figures 1, 3, 4 and 10, shown as circled. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the changes. A complete set of drawings is enclosed as required.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR, SECTION 1.136

Applicant hereby requests a 2 month extension of time to respond to the Office Action to and through January 31, 2007.

Examiner is respectfully requested to now pass this application to allowance.

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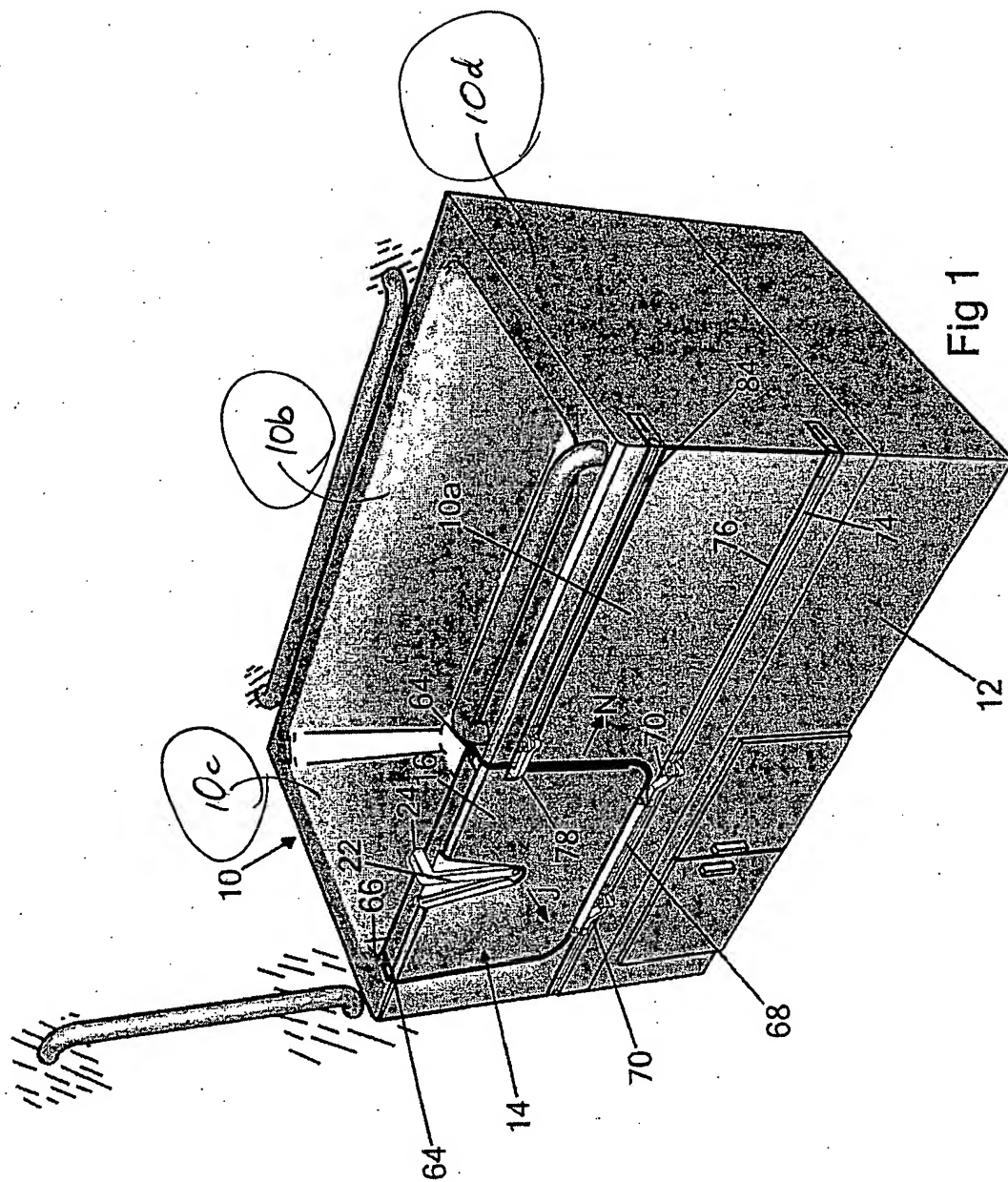
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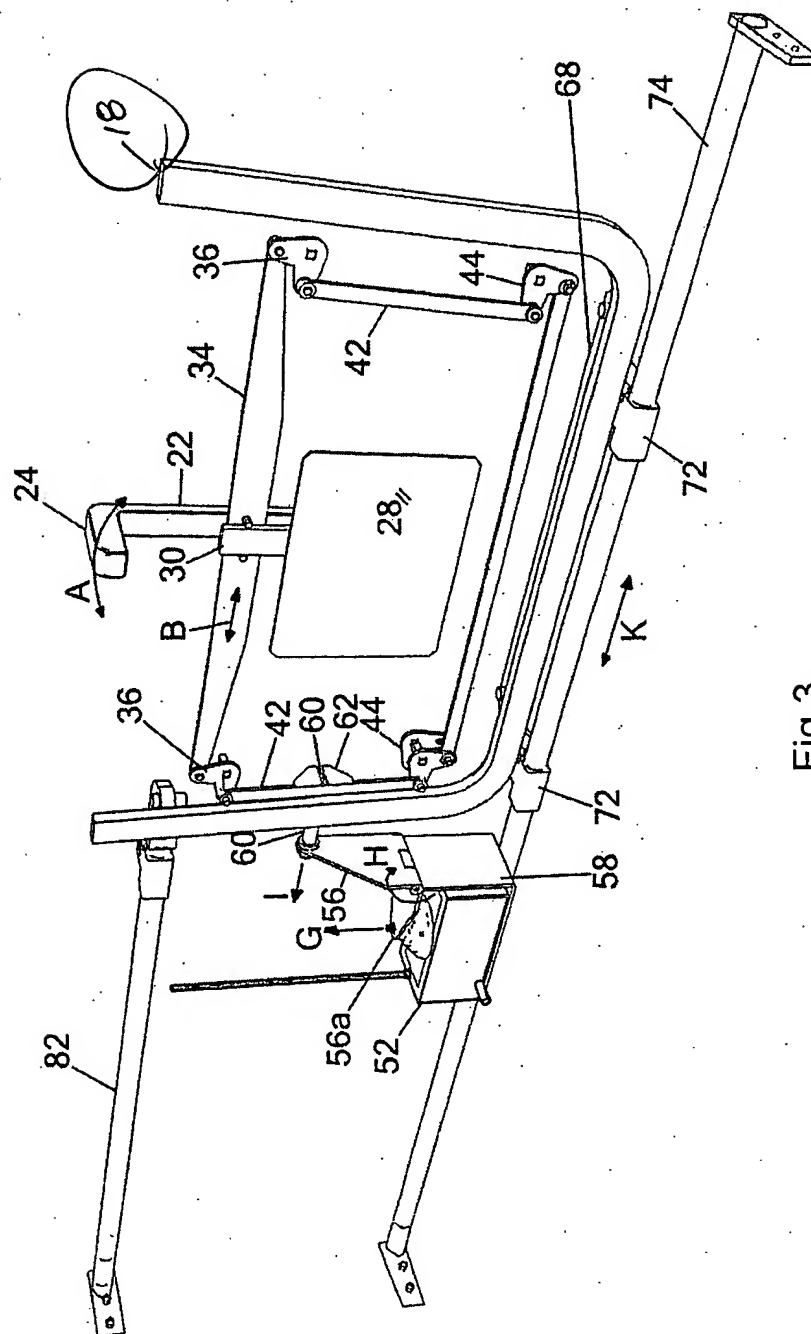


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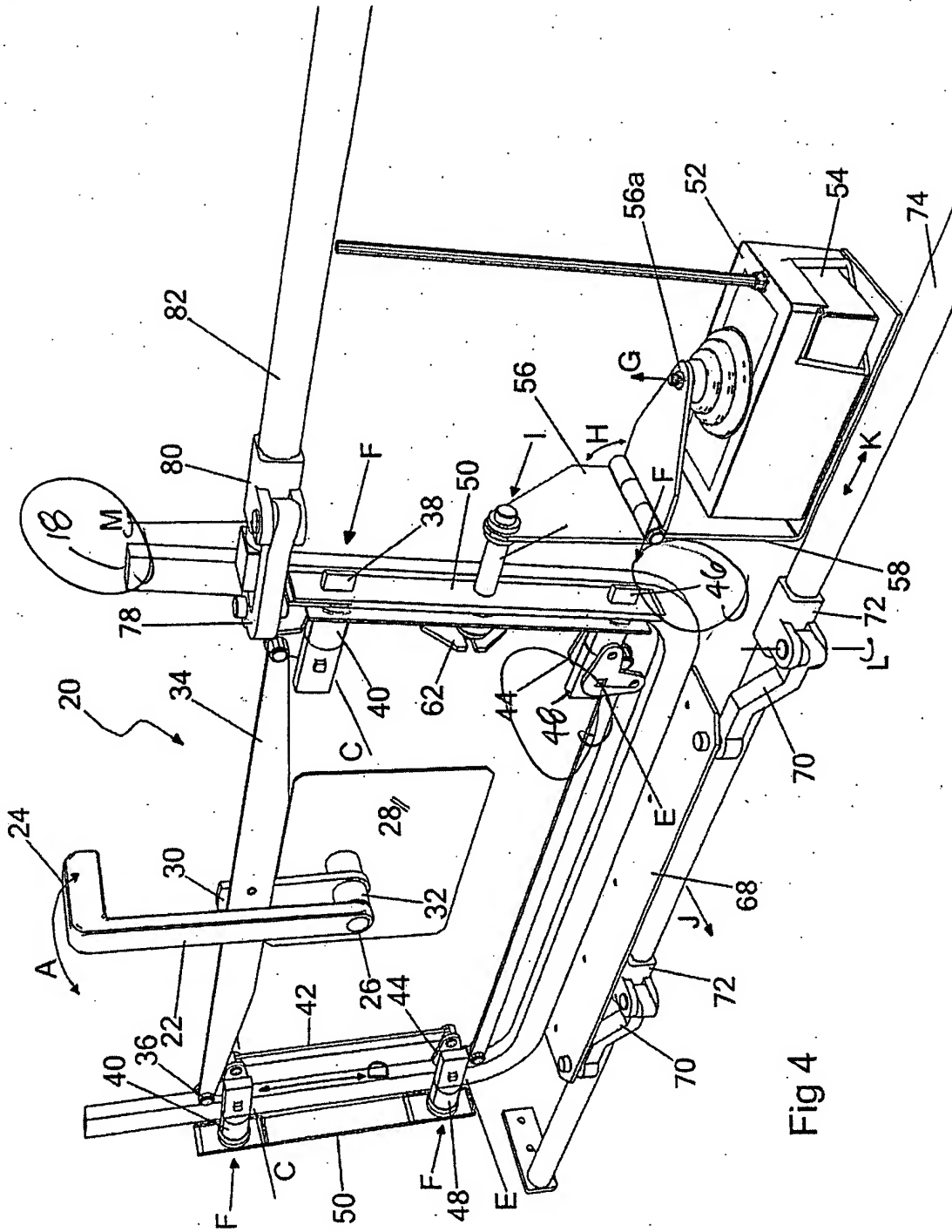


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